

ADMINISTRATIVE MESSAGE

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FM CG MCCDC QUANTICO VA//WDID/DOC//

TO COMMARFORLANT//G3/G5//  
COMMARFORPAC//G3/G5//  
CMC WASHINGTON DC//PPO//

INFO COMMARFORRES//G3/G5//  
COMMARFOREUR//G3/G5//  
COMMARFORSOUTH//G3/G5//  
COMUSMARCENT//G3/G5//  
COMUSMARFORK SEOUL KOR//G3/G5//  
CG MCCDC QUANTICO VA//DOC/MCU/MCWL/MSTP//  
CG I MEF//G3/G5/G7/SOTG//  
CG II MEF//G3/G5/G7/SOTG//  
CG III MEF//G3/G5/SOTG//  
COMNAVWARDEVCOM NEWPORT RI//N5//  
ELEVENTH MEU//S3//  
THIRTEENTH MEU SOC//S3//  
FIFTEENTH MEU SOC//S3//  
TWO TWO MEU//S3//  
TWO FOUR MEU SOC//S3//  
TWO SIX MEU SOC//S3//  
THREE ONE MEU//S3//

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SUBJ/NAVAL COMMAND RELATIONS IN AMPHIBIOUS OPERATIONS WAR GAME//

REF/A/MSG/CINCPACFLT/232147ZJUN00//

REF/B/MSG/CG MCCDC QUANTICO VA/051805ZJUL00//

REF/C/MSG/CMC WASHINGTON DC/101900ZMAR00//

REF/D/MSG/CG MCCDC QUANTICO VA/241210ZMAR00//

NARR/REF A IS CINCPACFLT/CINCLANTFLT COORDINATED MESSAGE ON LACK OF  
MEB-LEVEL AND ABOVE EVALUATION OF THE SUPPORT RELATIONSHIP AND  
SOLICITS A WAR GAME ISO DATA COLLECTION EFFORT. REF B IS COORDINATED  
NWDC/MCCDC MESSAGE TO CONDUCT SEMINAR WAR GAME ISO  
CINCPACFLT/CINCLANTFLT. REF C IS CNO'S AND CMC'S AGREEMENT TO A ONE  
YEAR TEST PERIOD TO GATHER OPERATIONAL LESSONS LEARNED ON THE SUPPORT  
COMMAND RELATIONSHIP FOR USE IN REVISING JP 3-02, JOINT DOCTRINE FOR  
AMPHIBIOUS OPERATIONS. REF D IS NWDC AND MCCDC MESSAGE GUIDANCE TO  
FACILITATE THE DATA COLLECTION AND REPORTING PROCESS ISO CNO'S AND  
CMC'S ONE YEAR TEST PERIOD.//

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RMKS/1. THIS IS A COORDINATED MESSAGE FROM COMMANDER, NAVY WARFARE DEVELOPMENT COMMAND (NWDC) AND COMMANDING GENERAL, MARINE CORPS COMBAT DEVELOPMENT COMMAND (MCCDC).

2. COMMANDER, NAVY WARFARE DEVELOPMENT COMMAND AND COMMANDING GENERAL, MARINE CORPS COMBAT DEVELOPMENT COMMAND WILL JOINTLY HOST SUBJECT WAR GAME AT NAVAL WAR COLLEGE, NEWPORT RI, 23-26 JAN 01.

3. IAW REFS A AND B, PURPOSE OF THE WAR GAME IS TO EXAMINE THE IMPACT OF COMMAND RELATIONSHIP ALTERNATIVES IN AMPHIBIOUS OPERATIONS AT CPG/MEB-SIZE AND NUMBERED FLEET/MEF LEVEL IN A JOINT ENVIRONMENT. IN ADDITION, THIS WAR GAME PROVIDES A FLAG LEVEL FORUM FOR ADDRESSING CNO/CMC QUESTIONS PER REFS C AND D AND BUILDING CONSENSUS ON JP 3-02.

4. GAME OBJECTIVES INCLUDE:

- A. DETERMINE IF THE JFC SHOULD NORMALLY DELEGATE OPCON OF THE AMPHIBIOUS FORCES TO A SERVICE OR FUNCTIONAL COMPONENT COMMANDER, AND IF SO, WHICH ONE.
- B. IDENTIFY WHICH FACTORS SHOULD BE USED TO DETERMINE THE SUPPORTED COMMANDER AT VARIOUS POINTS DURING THE AMPHIBIOUS OPERATION.
- C. DETERMINE IF THE COMMAND RELATIONSHIP OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO THE ESTABLISHING AUTHORITY OF AN AMPHIBIOUS OPERATION SHOULD INCLUDE OPCON, TACON AND SUPPORT AS DESCRIBED IN JP 0-2, UNAAF.
- D. DETERMINE WHETHER THE TRADITIONAL CATF/CLF RELATIONSHIP SHOULD REMAIN AS AN OPTION.
- E. DETERMINE WHETHER THE TITLES "CATF" AND "CLF" SHOULD BE REVISED TO REFLECT THE NEW COMMAND RELATIONSHIP OPTIONS.
- F. DETERMINE WHAT THE NORMAL COMMAND RELATIONSHIP SHOULD BE.

5. PROPOSED WARGAME WILL CONSIST OF TWO SIMULTANEOUS SCENARIO-DRIVEN TABLETOP GAMES. TWO NAVY/MARINE CORPS TEAMS, ONE CPG/MEB AND ONE NUMBERED FLEET/MEF WILL PLAY EACH SCENARIO TWICE; ONCE WITH CATF HAVING OPCON OVER THE LANDING FORCE AND ONCE WITH A SUPPORT RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN CATF AND CLF (TWO TEAMS, FOUR GAMES). THIS METHOD WILL PROVIDE PLAYERS WITH A MEANS OF COMPARING AND CONTRASTING THE IMPACT OF THE TWO COMMAND RELATIONSHIPS IN A JOINT ENVIRONMENT. THE HIGHER AUTHORITY FOR CATF AND CLF WILL BE A DESIGNATED JFC OR JFMCC. IN ORDER TO MINIMIZE OPERATING FORCES PREPARATION TIME, SCENARIOS WILL BE BASED ON EXISTING OPLANS, CONPLANS, OR EXERCISES. SUGGESTED REGIONAL SCENARIO LIST FOLLOWS: SOUTHWEST ASIA, ASIA-PACIFIC, AND MEDITERRANEAN.

FINAL WARGAME METHODOLOGY AND SCENARIO

DECISION MADE NLT IPC.

A. PROPOSED GAME TIMELINE IS AS FOLLOWS:

JAN 23 AM - SETUP & BRIEFS

JAN 23 PM - BEGIN GAME ONE PLAY IN EACH CELL WITH FIRST COMMAND  
RELATIONSHIP OPTION

JAN 24 AM - COMPLETE GAME ONE PLAY

JAN 24 PM - BEGIN GAME TWO PLAY IN EACH CELL WITH OTHER COMMAND  
RELATIONSHIP OPTION

JAN 25 AM - COMPLETE GAME TWO PLAY

JAN 25 PM - DATA COLLATION AND PREPARATION

JAN 26 AM - PLENARY SESSION (OUT BRIEFS TO FLEETCINCS AND MARFOR  
COMMANDERS)

6. PRE-GAME SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
06 SEP	GAME OVERVIEW	PP&O (NOTE A)
12-13 SEP	GAME OVERVIEW/SCENARIO DEV.	CPF/CMFP (NOTE B)
19-20 SEP	GAME OVERVIEW/SCENARIO DEV.	CLF/CMFL (NOTE B)
27 SEP	BRIEF ON MFP/MFL VISITS	PP&O (NOTE A)
03-05 OCT	IPC	NEWPORT (NOTE C)
01 NOV	MPC	VTC (NOTE D)
12-14 DEC	FPC/PRE-GAME WORKSHOP	NEWPORT (NOTE E)
23-26 JAN 01	WARGAME	

NOTES:

A. STAFF VISIT BY MCCDC PLANNERS TO PP&O ACTION OFFICERS.

B. STAFF VISITS BY NWDC/MCCDC PLANNERS TO FLEET/MARFOR STAFFS.

C. KEY PLANNERS (TBD) FROM DESIGNATED ORGANIZATIONS.

D. VTC HOSTED AND COORDINATED BY NWDC/MCCDC. ACOS (N3/5-G3/5)  
LEVEL REPRESENTATIVES FROM OPERATING FORCES ARE REQUIRED.

E. PRE-GAME WORKSHOP WILL VET AND REFINE BLUE CELL OPLANS AND  
ESTABLISHING DIRECTIVES AS A BASIS FOR STARTING GAME PLAY ON 23  
JANUARY.

7. REQUEST COMMENTS AND IDENTIFICATION OF POCS NLT 25 AUG.//

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